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Key **project features**

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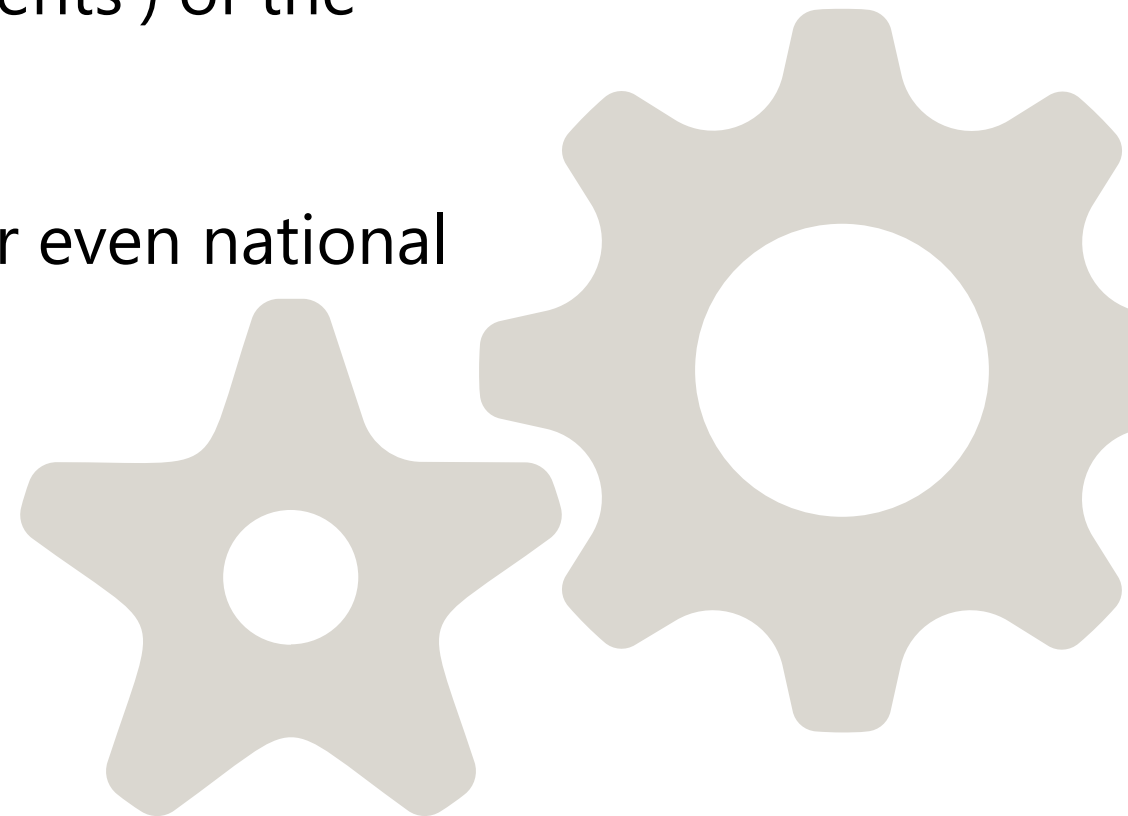4. Project **examples**

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1.

Project
objectives & activities

Project **objective**

- Mirror the programme's objective: improve the **regional development policies** ('policy instruments') of the participating regions

- Public interventions at local, regional or even national levels can be addressed

Project **activities**

- **Exchange of experience** (capacity building) through identification and transfer of **good practices**

- **Pilot actions** possible under conditions (maximum one per policy instrument)

Implementation of activities

2 phases over 4-year implementation

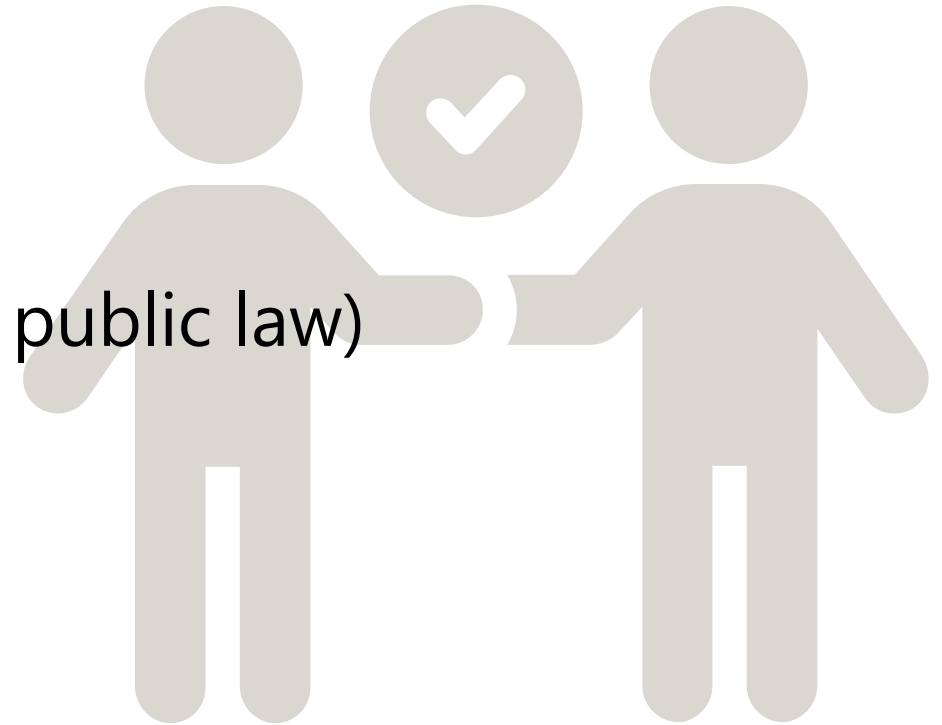| CORE	FOLLOW UP
3 years	1 year
Exchange of experience to achieve policy improvements	Monitor policy improvements (or action plans)

Implementation of activities

- **Action plans** needed only for regions which do not achieve results by end of core phase

- Some **flexibility** in the follow-up phase:

  - Up to each project to define the exact activities

  - Exchange of experience still possible

2.
Partnership
requirements

Who is **eligible?**

- **Public authorities**

- **Public law bodies** (bodies governed by public law)

- **Private non-profit bodies**

Geographical coverage

- Broad coverage required (going beyond transnational areas)

- Mixed between more and less advanced regions

3.

Project
finances

Projects **co-financing** rates

Co-financing rates	According to legal status or location
80% Interreg funding*	Public or public equivalent from the EU & 7 candidate countries*
70% Interreg funding*	Private non-profit from the EU & 7 candidate countries*
50% Norwegian funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Norway (NO)
Swiss funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Switzerland (CH)

* Subject to revised CP approval

Simplified financial rules

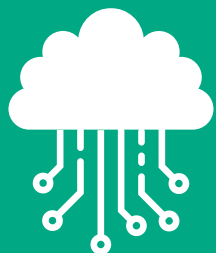| Cost categories	Simplification
Preparation costs	Lump sum €17,500
Staff	Fixed % of the real gross employment cost
Office & administration	Flat rate of 15% of staff costs
Travel & accommodation	Flat rate of 15% of staff costs (real cost reporting only in specific justified cases)
External Expertise and Services	
Equipment	
Infrastructure and Works	For pilots only

Plus:
- Simplified reporting, faster payments to projects
- Less control (sampling, risk-based verifications)

4.

Project and good practice **examples**

Project example

Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition (SKYLA)

- How can regional authorities address **skill gaps** and mismatches in the face of the green transition?

- How can they ensure that their adaptation is in line with their Smart specialisation (S3/S4) strategies?
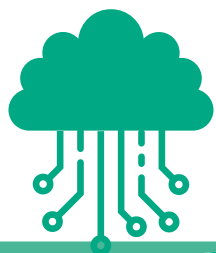
€
2.08 M

Mar 2023
May 2027

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Partners

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Good practices identified by projects

Skills for the digital transition in the textile sector: PRISMA's training programme

The PRISMA project addresses techno scientific and economic challenges of Prato's Textile Industrial District in **Italy** in networks of firms and laboratories.

2014-2020

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Project example

Sustainable protected areas as a key value for human well-being (GREENHEALTH)

- How can regional authorities make their regions more **biodiversity-resilient**?

- How can they improve the management of European Protected Areas through strengthening links and collaboration between **biodiversity protection** and human health & well-being?
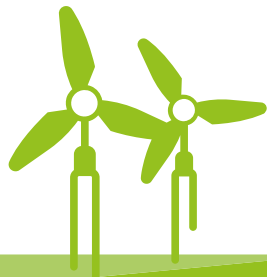
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1.75 M

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Good practices identified by projects

Global Monitoring Program for Biodiversity in Catalonia (SISEBIO)

A programme generating a set of universal indicators of biodiversity changes based on essential biodiversity variables (EBVs) of communities representing the trophic levels in the most representative habitats of all the media in Catalonia, **Spain.**

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How to
take part

Funding opportunities in **new projects**

Upcoming calls open to organisations from new Partner States:

- **Third call** planned in spring 2024

- **Fourth call** possibly in the first half 2025 (depending on the third call results)

Normal programme's rules and requirements apply

Funding opportunities in **existing projects**

Early 2024: restricted call open to first and second call projects

- Possibility to add **max 2 partners** from the new countries per project (using existing procedure under the monitoring system - Portal)

- Possibility to **increase the original total project budget by up to 3%** of the initial amount (in addition to the additional budget for the new partner(s))

- Decision to be made through regular **MC written procedure**

Time for questions ?

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